

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM
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1) ROLL CALL:

- a) Commissioners – Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Kenneth Cobleigh, Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Tammi McLaughlin, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Glenn VanBlarcom and Paul Waterstreet.
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Matt Baum and Tom Gamble

2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None

5) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Bike Hub Grant

- i) Jeff King introduced Chris Bernhardt from the Washing County Visitors Association.
- ii) Bikes are used for transportation, recreation and tourism.
- iii) The Visitors Association is trying to promote bike opportunities in the County by identifying bike trails, establishing bike hubs and putting signage in place.
- iv) A grant is being used to install self-repair bike stations.
- v) There are thirteen routes developed, half of which come through Forest Grove. A social media marketing campaign is promoting them.
- vi) Twelve hubs are being developed that will place signage in areas showing bike routes and local amenities. Hubs are areas that include parking, restrooms, water and other amenities.
- vii) They would like to place signage in Rogers Park.
 - i) The Commission agreed and the sign will be installed by June.
- viii) You can go to TualatinValley.org to view bike routes and the GPS tracks.

b) Veterans Memorial Park

- i) The City Council has expressed the desire to develop a Veterans Memorial Park.
- ii) The site would have to be determined, along with the budget.
- iii) A non-profit would raise the money needed to fund the project.
- iv) The site would need to be visible with nearby parking.
- v) The question was raised about who the park should honor.

c) Eastside Park

- i) There isn't currently a park on the far East side of town.
 - i) We try to have parks within a 1/3 mile radius of all homes.
- ii) Is there any available land to develop one?

d) Peace Pole

- i) It was proposed that a Peace Pole be installed at Rogers Park, but the Commission is not sure that is the best location. Possibly an East side location?
- ii) There are already Peace Poles at the City auditorium, the high school, Pacific University and the community school.

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6) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Rogers Park

- i) Restroom
 - i) The construction fence will be going up tomorrow.
 - ii) This part of the project will include the bathroom, walking path, bike ramp and ADA ramp.
 - iii) The bathroom should be installed by mid-May.
- ii) Anna/Abby Yard – discussion moved to next meeting.

7) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

a) Paul:

- i) CEP grant meeting is Thursday and we will be asking for money for more park signs for Lincoln Park.

8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

a) Malynda:

- i) The Council passed their goals and objectives.
- ii) Community Enhancement Projects (CEP's) grant presentations will be made on April 18.
- iii) There still hasn't been much progress made on the Boards & Commissions guidelines. There was discussion about limiting the Chair position to two years.
- iv) A URA (Urban Renewal Agency) advisory commission is possible.

9) STAFF REPORTS:

a) Matt:

- i) Work on the big dog park will continue next week. We will be plowing, tilling and upgrading the irrigation system. Then it will be raked and reseeded and four trees will be planted. All of this is weather dependent and will require closing the area for four to six weeks.
- ii) The Parks crew is maintaining the balls fields as best as they can.

b) Tom:

- i) On April 24 at 7:00 p.m. all community members are invited to participate in facilities assessment/water needs study being held at the Light and Power Conference room.
- ii) It's all about the budget right now with proposals being considered by the business manager and the City manager.

10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 a.m.

11) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.